

FACT SHEET 2023 – 2024 FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AND INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



**LOMONOSOV
MOSCOW STATE
UNIVERSITY**

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name	Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU)	
City, Country	Moscow, Russia	
Mailing Address	Lomonosov Moscow State University, 1 Leninskie Gory, Moscow, 119991, Russian Federation	
Rector	Academician Victor A. SADOVNICHY	
Date of Establishment	1755	
Website	https://www.msu.ru/en/	
Promotional Materials	http://international.msu.ru/promo	
Facts and Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50,000+ undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students ▪ 10,000+ international undergraduate, graduate, PhD students and interns from 50+ countries ▪ 6,000+ candidates of science ▪ 6,000+ full professors, lecturers, and tutors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 800+ current agreements with universities and international organizations ▪ 41 Faculties and Schools ▪ 40 Research Institutes ▪ 8 Branches in Russia and abroad ▪ 6 research and educational satellites ▪ 4 supercomputers ▪ 11 university graduates won Nobel Prize awards
Rankings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st university in Russia in all rankings ▪ 19th in MosIUR 2021 ▪ 38th in THE World Reputation Rankings 2021 ▪ 78th in QS World University rankings 2022 ▪ 97th in ARWU World University Rankings 2021 	

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Name of the Office	Department for Internationalisation Development	
Website	For international partners: http://international.msu.ru For exchange and visiting students: https://studentin.msu.ru/main-eng	
Director	Vice-Rector Prof. Dr. Yuri A. Mazei E-mail: msu.international@rector.msu.ru	
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	<p>Israel, Iran, Lebanon, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Iraq, Yemen, Qatar, Kuwait, Turkey, India (Incoming & outgoing mobility):</p> <p>GRIGORYAN Siuzanna Smbatovna E-mail: siuzannagrigoryan99@gmail.com Tel.: +7 (495) 939 1496</p>	<p>Countries of Africa (Incoming & outgoing mobility)</p> <p>TYUKANOVA Natalia Anatolievna E-mail: tyukanova@rector.msu.ru Tel.: +7(495) 939-39-98</p>

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION

Eligibility	<p>To be eligible for a study as an exchange or a visiting student at MSU, student must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale, or the equivalent; ✓ to take courses in English (for non-native English speakers): English language level equivalent to IELTS 6.0; ✓ to take subject courses in Russian: TORFL-II / B2 level of Russian language; ✓ to study Russian language: TBL / A2 level of Russian language.
Nomination Procedure for Partners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In November-December fill in the online-questionnaire for partners; 2. Hold an information session for your students to inform them about the opportunity to go on a mobility program to MSU. We are open to cooperation and are ready to take part in your Virtual Study Abroad Fair or conduct an online Webinar for your students who want to come to Moscow State University for exchange; 3. Select students to be nominated; 4. Download the nomination form (Excel-file) here: https://disk.yandex.ru/i/UuZpiaDRn-kw and fill it in; 5. Fill in the online nomination questionnaire and upload the Excel-file with nominations here: https://survey.msu.ru/run/survey/4b432fd2; 6. Inform your students about the online application procedure and deadlines: https://international.msu.ru/mobility#application-deadlines make sure that students start collecting the documents in advance; 7. Keep in touch with your students before and during the mobility program, support them with signing a Learning Agreement.
Nomination Period	<p>For Spring Semester (first half of the year): September 20th - November 1st</p> <p>For Autumn Semester (second half of the year) and Full Year: February 20th - April 1st</p> <p>If you are late with nominations, please check if it is possible to nominate your students with MSU mobility coordinators.</p>
Application Procedure for Exchange and Visiting Students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask the international coordinator at your home university: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — to nominate you for international mobility program at MSU (if you study at MSU partner university); — to approve your desire to study on international mobility program at MSU as a free-mover or to apply for signing a cooperation agreement with MSU. 2. Prepare the documents and fill in the online application: https://survey.msu.ru/run/survey/82eb3b55; 3. Upon receiving your nomination and online application, MSU Department for Internationalisation will assess your submitted application and will send it for approval to a particular Faculty; 4. Once MSU Faculty approves your application and provisional study program, MSU mobility coordinator will send you a formal acceptance e-mail with all the information. If there are any issues with your application, you will be informed about that.
Application Deadlines for Students	<p>For Autumn Semester (second half of the year) and Full Year: April 30th For Spring Semester (first half of the year): November 15th</p> <p>Please respect the deadlines. Late submission of the application may lead to refusal to accept you into exchange program.</p>

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar	<p>Academic year: September 1 - June 30.</p> <p>Spring Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study period: February 7 – June 24• Summer exam session: June 1 – June 24 <p>Autumn Semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study period: September 1 – January 24• Winter exam session: January 3 – January 24 <p>*Some Master's programs have their own schedule, which is connected with the specifics of the study field. Checking study calendar with the mobility coordinator is recommended.</p>															
Course Information	<p>Typically, an exchange student is enrolled in the host faculty in which he plans to study. Attending 1-2 additional courses at another faculty is possible but it needs to be mutually agreed in advance.</p> <p>Course offer for undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students:</p> <p>http://international.msu.ru/mobility#courses</p> <p>Language of instruction:</p> <p>Most of the courses are conducted in Russian, some in English. Please check the language of instruction in the course catalogue.</p> <p>Credit system:</p> <p>One academic semester corresponds to 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits. Typically, a course at MSU is estimated at 2 or 4 credits, that means the students has 36 or 72 academic (class) hours respectively or 72 or 144 hours of total workload. 1 academic hour = 45 minutes.</p> <p>Usual workload:</p> <p>Exchange students can take up to 30 ECTS per semester (60 ECTS per year). Students are encouraged to check in with their home universities for credit load requirements.</p>															
Russian Language Classes	<p>Some faculties may also offer Russian Language classes for exchange students during their stay at Moscow State University. It is necessary to ask the host faculty in advance whether it is possible or not.</p>															
Grading System	<p>The Russian grading system is based on a scale from 0 to 5, where 3 is the minimum passing mark.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">MSU grading system</th><th>ECTS grading system (approx. equivalence)</th></tr><tr><td>Excellent (Excellent / Sobresaliente)</td><td>5</td><td>A</td></tr><tr><td>Good (Notable / Notable)</td><td>4</td><td>B</td></tr><tr><td>Pass (Aprobat / Aprobado)</td><td>3</td><td>C, D</td></tr><tr><td>Fail (Suspens / Suspendido)</td><td>0-2</td><td>E, FX and F</td></tr></table>	MSU grading system		ECTS grading system (approx. equivalence)	Excellent (Excellent / Sobresaliente)	5	A	Good (Notable / Notable)	4	B	Pass (Aprobat / Aprobado)	3	C, D	Fail (Suspens / Suspendido)	0-2	E, FX and F
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Transcript of Records	Transcripts in pdf are sent to students within 3-5 weeks after the official end of the semester. Hard copies are sent upon the home university coordinator's request to the institution's address. If necessary, contact the International Office of the Faculty to issue a certificate of study at MSU.
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Accommodation	Exchange and visiting students can apply for on-campus accommodation in accordance with the inter-university agreement. Usually international students live in the Student Residence Hall on Leninskie Gory (DS, MSU Main Building). Accommodation fees depend on the provisions of inter-university agreements and on living conditions.	
Estimated Cost of living	Housing	6 000 - 14 000 RUB per month
	Food	about 15,000 RUB per month
	Public Transport	about 1,000 - 1,500 RUB per month
	Health Insurance	about 12,500 RUB per 12 months
	Other Personal Expenses	about 10,000 RUB per month
Student Life & Sports	The university provides students with extensive opportunities for realizing creative potential and doing sports. For further information on student organizations please follow: https://studentin.msu.ru/students-eng	
Campus	Virtual tour around campus: http://en.tour.vrmsu.ru/ Map of campus on Leninskie Gory: https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Lengorien.html Map of campus on Mokhovaya street: https://www.msu.ru/en/info/Mohovayaen.html	